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1. The School of Feldshers in Chinkent (N 42-18, E 69-36) was founded in the Thirties. It was located in four one-story buildings on Turkestan'skaya ulitsa. The school was supported by the People's Commissariat of Health (Narkomzdrav) and administratively controlled and supervised by the Oblast Health Directorate (Oblzdrav).
 2. The course of study was three years, including a theoretical course and practical training in the hospitals of the city. The prerequisite for admission was at least seven years of Ten-Year School (desyatiletka).
 3. There were about 180 students at the school, about 170 of whom were girls. About 80% of the students were Russian, 15% Kazakh, and the remaining 5% were Uzbek and Jewish. The great majority of the students were politically indifferent. Most students believed that life was considerably better outside the USSR.
 4. During summer vacations, all students were compelled to work in kolkhozy helping the collective farmers to harvest cotton. Graduates of the school had to accept the jobs offered them by the Oblast Health Directorate; they were granted their diplomas only after they started working in their assigned positions.
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